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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Serial Number : 09/751,797  
Filing Date : December 29, 2000  
For : ISOLATED NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES WHICH  
ENCODE T CELL INDUCIBLE FACTOR (TIFs),  
THE PROTEINS ENCODED, AND USES THEREOF

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**DECLARATION**

SIR:

THE UNDERSIGNED hereby declare as follows:

1. We are the properly named, co-inventors of the subject matter set forth in the above-referenced application.
2. We reduced the invention described in the above-referenced application to practice prior to May 27, 1999. We did the work described herein in Belgium, which is a member of the World Trade Organization. The United States is also a member of the World Trade Organization.
3. Attached hereto are copies of relevant pages from our notebooks, evidencing successful isolation and sequencing of a nucleic acid molecule corresponding to the sequence of human IL-TIF, i.e., human IL-22 described in the specification (SEQ ID NO: 24). See, in particular, pages 18-23, providing sequence data.
4. With respect to the claimed subject matter, this was reduced to practice no later than May 27, 1999.

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5. With reference to these data, the most relevant materials are the sequences labelled LD99HTIF19 and LD99.22. The start codon for human TIF/IL-22, as provided in SEQ ID NO: 24 of the subject application, will be found at position 73 of LD99HTIF19. The nucleotide sequence 5' to this position, i.e., position 73, is identical to that set forth in SEQ ID NO: 24. There is overlap between LD99HTIF19 and LD99.22, as will be seen at page 19 of the attachment. <sup>20 to 52 JR "112103"</sup> The sequence LD99.22 continues the sequence started in LD99HTIF19, and is identical to the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 24 of the present application. The stop codon for LD99.22 is at position 258, and the sequence 3' thereto is identical to that of SEQ ID NO: 24.
6. We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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